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SUBJ: POSSIBLE WILDCAT OIL STRIKE

1. AMOCO, IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH PAKISTAN PETROLEUM LTD. (PPL) HAS MADE A PROMISING WILDCAT OIL STRIKE ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ISLAMABAD. IF IT BEARS OUT IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES, THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL OIL FIND IN PAKISTAN SINCE 1976.

2. PAKISTANI NEWSPAPERS OF MARCH 21 AND MARCH 23 REPORTED A STATEMENT BY DR. SHEHZAD SADIQ, FEDERAL SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THAT "THERE WERE HOEPFUL SIGNS OF AN OIL DISCOVERY." TWO EMBOFFS TRAVELLED TO THE SITE NEAR THE VILLAGE OF ADHI ALONG WITH TWO AMOCO ENGINEERS. THE ENGINEERS SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL WELL AFTER FOUR ATTEMPTS WERE HALTED BY HIGH PRESSURE WATER. FIRST TEST RESULTS FROM THE LOWEST PORTION OF THE WELL REVEALED LIGHER GRADES OF OIL MIXED WITH GAS AND THE ENGINEERS WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT FURTHER TESTS HIGHER IN THE WELL WOULD PRODUCE A HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF OIL. ALL TESTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. THE OFFICIALS OF BOTH AMOCO AND PPL WERE

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VERY CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR STATEMENTS, BUT THEY ARE CLEARLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE WELL'S POTENTIAL.
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